



# Maryland

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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JULY 25, 2005

### HAY HARVEST STILL AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

Crops in isolated areas of the state are stressed due to limited rainfall. However, the majority of the crop producing areas have received an adequate amount of rainfall to sustain crop growth. **Hay** continues to remain well ahead of schedule in comparison to previous years and the five-year average. **Vegetable** development and harvest has made significant progress over the past week. There were **6.3 days suitable for field work**.

**Fruits** were rated in mostly good condition. **Apples** were rated 1 percent fair and 99 percent good. **Peaches** were rated 4 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 72 percent good, and 6 percent excellent.

**Pasture** was rated 2 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 35 percent fair, 42 percent good, and 15 percent excellent while **hay supplies** were rated 6 percent very short, 7 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus.

### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 24, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
<b>Harvesting Progress:</b>				
Cantaloups	24	11	36	29
Cucumbers	50	33	41	44
Lima Beans (processed)	23	17	45	22
Peaches	22	13	21	19
Potatoes	31	28	18	38
Snap Beans	69	40	46	45
Sweet Corn	34	12	63	40
Tomatoes	16	6	32	22
Watermelons	20	1	17	13
Wheat	93	81	100	95
<b>Crop Progress:</b>				
Corn Silked	77	54	94	67
Soybeans Blooming	43	28	52	30
<b>Hay Harvested:</b>				
Alfalfa Hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	51	18	33	29
Other Hay 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	75	70	66	66

### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 24, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	2	24	68	6
Topsoil (2004)	-	11	76	13
Five Year Average	9	21	59	11
Subsoil Moisture	3	25	70	2
Subsoil (2004)	2	7	82	9
Five Year Average	12	15	66	7

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 24, 2005

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.36	27.74	4.86	92	60	80	3
Easton	0.00	27.22	2.26	94	64	83	6
Frederick	0.35	25.83	3.23	90	60	79	7
Frostburg	0.30	24.57	-3.07	85	55	73	5
Hagerstown	0.95	18.11	-3.86	89	61	78	4
Mechanicsville	0.02	24.34	-1.37	92	58	80	4
Patuxent River	0.76	24.08	0.84	91	65	82	7
Ocean City	0.00	29.54	4.65	92	63	81	6
Salisbury	0.00	31.65	6.69	92	58	80	3
Sharpsburg	2.04	21.80	-0.80	91	61	78	5
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.88	26.65	5.41	95	66	82	3
Delaware							
Dover	0.29	28.38	3.72	91	64	81	4
Georgetown	0.23	27.44	3.43	92	63	82	6
Wilmington	0.01	23.66	0.19	92	60	80	4

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